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REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a set of claims for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has directed that the election be made between the following claims that the Examiner has determined to be patentably distinct:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 22-34, drawn to a method of making, classified in class 29, subclass 890.14; and
- II. Claims 12-21, 35-53, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 285, subclass 370.

Applicant elects claim set I for prosecution on the merits, but respectfully submits that claim set I also includes claim 54 previously added by way of a Preliminary Amendment filed on June 22, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant has withdrawn claims 12-21 and 35-53 from consideration in the claim listing presented herein.

In the event there are additional charges in connection with the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 50-0714/CCBI/0010 of the firm of the below-signed attorney in the amount of any necessary fee.

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